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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of:

Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.

Application No.: 09/396,381

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING COATING
AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE
COATING

Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: Martin ANGERBRANDT
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Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 11, 2001, the following amendments
and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

OK to SUB E1 1. (Thrice Amended) A method for operating an optically recordable disk
memory comprising the steps of:

introducing an optical disk having a surface protected by a protective film

comprising a hard-carbon coating having a thickness of 500Å or less;

E1 irradiating a semiconductor laser light onto said optical disk through said hard-
carbon coating;

wherein the number of pin-holes in said hard-carbon coating is 30/mm² or less
,and wherein said hard-carbon coating is an outermost layer of the disk.

SUB E2 8. (Thrice Amended) A method for operating an optically recordable disk memory
comprising the steps of: